(e) whether it is a fact that in mos of the cases, there is monopoly production,

(f) whether his Ministry is proposing to bring any of these drugs under price control; and

(g) if so, by when such a decision will be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) IDPL, Merind, Roche Products, KSDPL, Glindia, E. Merck, Sarabhai etc.

(c) and (d) Several costing factors are involved in the fixation of price of bulk drugs. The manufacturers of non-scheduled bulk drugs are free to revise their prices as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987. However Govt. is keeping elose watch on price increase and intervenes wherever found necessary.

(e) and (f) No , Sir.

(g) Does no arise.

Monitoring of sales turnover and Quantum of Production

4547. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 647 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state;

(a) when his Ministry would start monitoring the details of sales nover and quantum of production:

(b) what is the purpose of monitoring without these detailed ;

(c) whether it is a fact that for ascertaining the impact on the consumer both quantum of production and change in sales prices are required; and

(d) what is the purpose of monitoring without effectively monitoring these two essential elements?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (d) The purpose of monitoring the price of de-controlled drugs is to check any unwarranted and exhorbitant increase in prices. There is no proposal to monitor the details of sales turnover and quantum of production.

Sales Turnover of Vitamin Products

4548. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 353 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state :

(a) what is the all India estimate of sales of Vitamin B1, B2, B6, B12, Vitamin-C and Vitamin D3 based on records maintained by the 650 chemists as per ORG during 1986 and 1987; and

(b) what are the names of the drug producers who have been given licences to produce the above vitamins and how many of them have implemented the permission and are in actual production along with the year of commencement of pro-